MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the policy of the Government is to give special consideration for applications where the public are prepared to make the required buildings for housing the institutions?

DR. S. JOHN: If the Department finds that medical aid is absolutely necessary in that particular place Government will extend the necessary facilities for starting a dispensary.

Medical aid in Tiruvalla Taluk.

247. ❋ MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that Niranam (Kadappara and Kizhakkubhagom pakuthies) in Tiruvalla taluk with a population of over 22,000 spread over 20 villages is without a hospital and therefore the people of the place are put to severe sufferings owing to lack of medical aid;

(*b*) whether they have received a memorial from the people of Niranam for a hospital to be opened there; and

(*c*) whether the people have offered the necessary site and building?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Government are aware that there is no Government Hospital or dispensary at Niranam but a dispensary has been sanctioned at Mannar only 3 miles away.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether applications have been received from Venmani?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know what has been done in regard to them?

DR. S. JOHN: Already there is a dispensary close at Mannar, that is about four or five miles away from the place.

The question of starting other dispensaries will be taken up only after the dispensaries already sanctioned by government are opened and fully furnished.

Medical aid to Sasthancotta.

248. ❋ MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether representations have been received from people of Sasthancotta and the adjoining pakuthies for the establishment of a dispensary at Sasthancotta; and

(*b*) if so, what steps Government have taken thereon?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government referred the matter to the Medical Advisory Committee who have recommended the proposal and it is under consideration.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: With regard to the Dispensary at Sasthancotta, is the Government convinced that there is necessity for a Dispensary?

DR. S. JOHN: The Medical Advisory Committee recently inspected the place and I believe the honourable member was also there and a report has been sent to Government. Government will consider it in the course of the next year.

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